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FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 8683 ACTION SECSTATE MAY 24.

QUOTE S E C R E T CAIRO 8683

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, EG
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF LICENSED EQUIPMENT TO EGYPT

REF: (A) STATE 111881, (B) CAIRO 8676

1. AS REPORTED REF B, I SPOKE TO SADAT AND FAHMY YESTERDAY IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SALE OF NON-LETHAL AND NON-SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT IN FIVE AREAS IN WHICH THE EGYPTIANS HAVE EXPRESSED PREVIOUS INTEREST. I STRESSED I COULD MAKE NO COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME BUT THAT USG WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC NUMBERS AND TYPES OF EQUIPMENT THAT EGYPT MIGHT WISH TO REQUEST. FAHMY INTERVENED TO
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ASK IF WE WERE TALKING ABOUT CO-PRODUCTION. I MADE IT CLEAR THAT CO-PRODUCTION POSES SPECIAL PROBLEMS AND THAT USG DOES NOT AGREE TO CO-PRODUCE ANYWHERE WITHOUT EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS. NOR ARE WE PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO DEAL WITH THE ARAB INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION (AOI), TOWARD WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET DEVELOPED AN OVER-ALL POLICY. WE ARE WILLING TO EXPLORE THE SEVERAL ITEMS

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WITH THE GOE TO ASCERTAIN IF THERE IS AN INTEREST.
SINCE THE PRESIDENT COULD CLEARLY NOT BE AWARE OF
THE DETAISS OF PREVIOUS EGYPTIAN APPROACHES, I ASKED
WITH WHOM I SHOULD DISCUSS THIS MATTER, SADAT SAID
IT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH DEPUTY PRIMIN/MINWAR
GENERAL GAMASY.

2. TODAY I RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM GAMASY'S
OFFICE ASKING THAT I MEET WITH THE GENERAL, BECAUSE OF
CONFLICTING SCHEDULES,MEETING WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE
LATTER PART OF THIS WEEK.
WILL REPORT OUTCOME ASAP.

3. COMMENT: I CONFESS THAT I AM SOMEWHAT CONCERNED
ABOUT THIS APPROACH. ALTHOUGH WE MAY SPEAK OF NO
COMMITMENT UNTIL WE ARE BLUE IN THE FACE, AND THE
EGYPITANS MAY PROFESS TO UNDERSTAND IT, THE FACT OF
THE MATTER IS THAT THEY WILL, AFTER THESE APPROACHES,
EXPECT A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM US. I HOPE THAT THE
EGYPTIAN RESPONSES WILL BE SUCH THAT WE WILL BE ABLE
TO LICENSE SALES OF THESE ITEMS. EILTS UNQUOTE VANCE

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